

Montana – Alberta St. Mary and Milk Rivers Water Management Initiative

Meeting #JIT-03

Date: February 18th & 19th, 2009

Start Time: Feb. 18th – 2:30 PM; Feb. 19th – 8:30 AM

Place: Lethbridge Lodge, 320 Scenic Dr. S., Lethbridge

Meeting Objective

Last of three educational meetings dedicated to developing a common understanding of how Montana and Alberta manage water, and preparation for developing options.

DRAFT AGENDA

Day 1: February 18th – 2:30 – 5:30 – Aspen ballroom

2:30	Welcome and member introductions – Robert Harrison <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome and review meeting objectives, agenda• Review JIT meeting #02 (Jan. 2009) action items and adopt Notes of meeting
3:00	What did members think about since last meeting? – John Tubbs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members share thinking about water management initiative
3:45	Break
4:00 (90min.)	Water supply and management models – Larry Dolan, Sal Figliuzzi <p>General understanding of hydrologic models and hydroclimatic data which could be used with other models to evaluate the performance of options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• U.S. hydrology and water supply models<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's operational model○ Riverware model• Canadian water supply and management models<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ St. Mary Irrigation Projects Water Supply○ Milk R. Site 2 Dam Water Supply Assessment• IJC Task Force Hydrologic Simulations
5:30	Adjourn
6:30	Dinner

Day 2: February 19th – 8:30 – 3:00 – Anton’s ballroom

8:30 (90 min)	<p>Past and ongoing structural and water management investigations – Larry Dolan</p> <p>General description of past water management and infrastructure options evaluated by MT/other agencies – why they were reviewed and results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. St. Mary Canal Rehabilitation • Other structural investigations • Hydrologic investigations • Water management and conservation investigations <p>“ “ “ “ – Sal Figliuzzi</p> <p>General description of past water management and infrastructure options evaluated by AB/other agencies – why they were reviewed and results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verdigrée Coulee; Milk River Site 2 Dam • Hydrologic investigations • Water management and conservation investigations • Milk River natural flows technical working group
10:00	<p>Communications – Robert Harrison</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of member’s communication to constituents
10:30	<p>Break</p>
10:45	<p>Follow up information from Member requests – Larry and Sal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water losses along reaches of U.S. St. Mary Canal • Annual U.S. St. Mary entitlements not captured and diverted by the U.S. • Median (vs. “average”) U.S. entitlements
12:00	<p>Lunch – provided</p>
12:45	<p>What have we learned and how does it apply to the Initiative?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of information received to date. – Sal and Larry • What was a significant learning for you? – All members • Do we have all the information we need to prepare for developing options?
1:30	<p>Criteria for evaluating options – Robert Harrison</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will we be able to compare options?
2:15	<p>Meeting planning – John Tubbs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debrief of first 3 meetings • Confirm next meeting field tour and date • Objective of next meeting • Information required for next meeting
2:45	<p>Action items –Tim and Paul</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review meeting action items • Items for Joint Status Report
3:00	<p>Adjourn</p>